



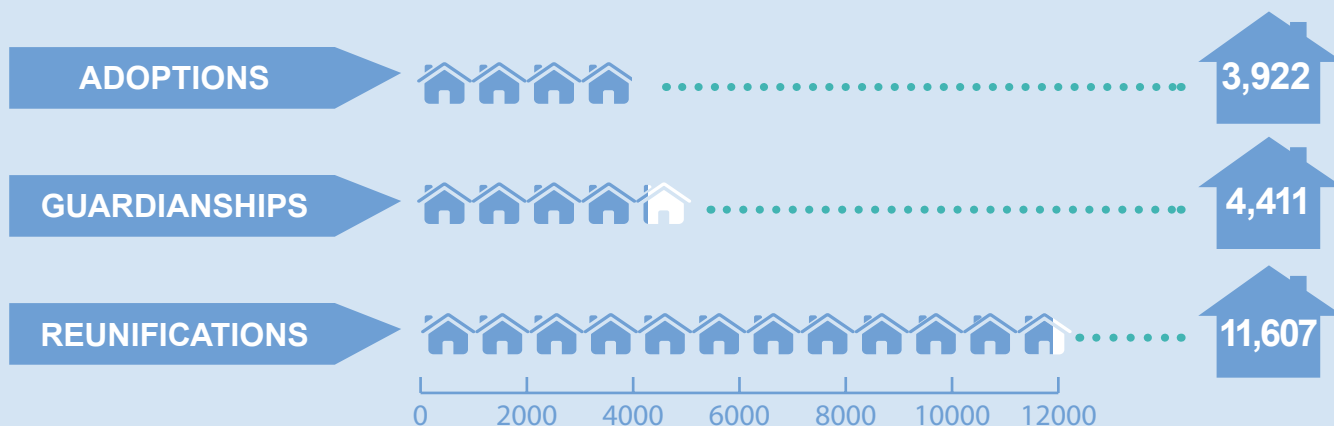
Every child deserves a place to call home. Place Matters is a strategy for strengthening families and keeping children at home when it's safe to do so. Parents receive in-home support and are connected with needed services.

Place Matters



There are **fewer children in foster care** than at any time in at least the last 27 years.*

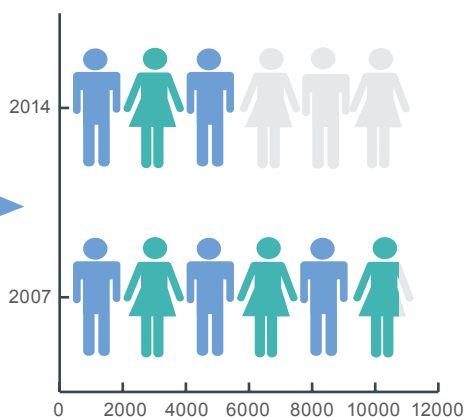
More than **19,900** children have found permanent homes through **adoption, guardianship** or **reunification** with families since 2007.



Placement from FY 2008 to FY 2014

We've reduced the number of children in foster care by

50%, from 10,330 in July 2007 to 5,151 in September 2014.



41%
decrease

Since 2008, the percentage of placements to group homes for children 18 and under is down to 8%.¹



81%
of youth under 18 in care are placed with families.¹

*Electronic records started in 1987

¹Excludes children who entered care under a Child with Disabilities Voluntary Placement Agreement